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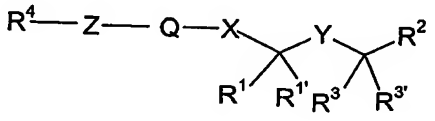

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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (1): Wherein: Q represents an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl ring; X represents 0, S, NR^5 or CR^6 R^7; Y represents CHOH, CHSH, NOR^8, CNR^8 or $CNOR^8$; Z represents a bond, CR^{10} R^{11}, 0,S,S0,SO_2, NR^{10}, $OCR^{10}R^{11}$, $CR^{10}R^{11}O$ or Z, R^4 and Q together form an optionally substituted fused tricyclic group; R^1, $R^{1'}$, R^3 and R^3 each independently represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl; R^2 represents CO_2 R^8, $CONR^5OR^9$ or NR^5 COR^9; R^4 represents optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl; R^5 represents H or C_{1-3} alkyl; R^6 and R^7 each independently represents H, C_{1-3} alkyl or halo; R^8 represents H or C_{1-2} alkyl; R^9 represents H or C_{1-3} alkyl; R^{10} and R^{11} each independently represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl; and physiologically functional derivatives thereof, processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical formulations containing them and their use as inhibitors of matrix metal loproteinase enzymes (MMPs) are described.